



PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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2.		Favor	Hector Ramirez	
			Jorge Padilla	
			Maya Mackey	
			Veronica Kung-Lumibao	This is very important in the agenda because it will provide resources and strength to the Catholic community I come from.
		Oppose	Eric M Sheehan	<p>This motion correctly identifies “consequences of gentrification and displacement” associated with hosting an Olympics but fails to address these effects. Holding street festivals cannot protect tenants facing eviction and rent increases.</p> <p>The motion states that Metro consulted with “many community-based organizations” on this issue, but according to Metro’s own report, the agency did not meet with a single group that focuses on gentrification, displacement, housing, homelessness, inequality, or poverty.</p> <p>Funding sources identified for this temporary initiative include public spending. The public is already on the hook for Olympic cost overruns, despite the private Olympic committee’s selling of the Games as a privately-financed operation. The County must not subsidize the responsibilities of the private Olympic committee, which is backed by enormous corporations and many of the world’s wealthiest people.</p> <p>Last year 65% of LA City voters rejected Measure SP, a Parks Dept tax that was first introduced for Olympic spending. The public does not want to spend money on the Olympics.</p> <p>A ticket to the LA28 opening ceremony is expected to cost \$1,700. Instead of giving working class people a chance to attend a festival in service of an event that aims to exclude them, the County should prioritize making a material difference in the lives of its residents and redirect Olympic spending to fund actual community care. The authors of this motion appear to understand the fundamental contradiction at play, as they paid lip service to gentrification and displacement in a motion that addresses neither.</p>
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